MACARTHURFC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

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CENTRAL COAST MARINERS

SUNDAY 3 JANUARY
KICK-OFF 4PM
CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM

A-LEAGUE

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Macarthur FC Members and Fans,

What a journey it has been to this point!

This all started with a phone call on the 14th March 2017. The FFA has just announced they were expanding the A-League competition on TV and a few people thought “could we?”.

10 days later, the 24th March 2017, we made an announcement that we were putting our hand up for a A-League licence. The bid would be known as South-West Sydney FC.

Around the same time Campbelltown City Council had also announced their interest in bringing an A-League team to Campbelltown with the United for Macarthur bid.

After a long process preparing the submissions and discussions with FFA, we announced on the 20th August 2018 at Campbelltown Stadium the two bids South-West Sydney FC and United for Macarthur would form a joint bid to bring football to the region.

12th December 2018 - 11:45pm. For a moment, the world stood still. We get the call to say we had won; our joint bid was successful, and we would be the 12th team in the expanded A-League competition.

As excitement and anticipation built, we all knew there was plenty of work to be done behind the scenes and on the 15th May 2019, we announced our name and colours. Macarthur FC was born with black, white, and ochre.

On Wednesday, we played our first match in the A-League against Western Sydney Wanderers. What an occasion! While we may have been outnumbered in the stands, we were loud, full of heart, and showed plenty of spirit.

It’s taken 1390 days to get to this point, with lots of up and downs, plenty of stressful days and sleepless nights, plenty of bruises and our fair share of tears but finally we are here, ready for our first match at our home – Campbelltown Stadium.

We would not have gotten to this point if not for our loyal staff, board, owners, sponsors and most importantly our members and fans who have ridden the journey so far.

We are a club that is proud to represent the area we come from. We will always promote and defend the South-west region.
On behalf of everyone at Macarthur FC - Welcome home.
Go the Bulls!

Gino Marra
Macarthur FC Chairman

MATCH REPORT: BULLS TAKE 3 POINTS IN THRILLING INAUGURAL MATCH

Macarthur FC has started life in the A-League with a 1-nill win against cross-town rivals Western Sydney Wanderers.

A superb free kick from the edge of the box from Beñat in the in the 72nd minute that took a deflection from Captain Mark Milligan found the back of the Wanderers net proved to be the deciding factor after the 90 minutes.

An even first 45 minutes, both teams had plenty of threatening chances in a match that played at an extremely high level for an opening round fixture.

Bulls midfielder Loic Puyo controlled the tempo for most of the opening stanza, while debutant Lachlan Rose made an impressive start to his A-League career, looking dangerous with threatening runs and crosses into the box for attackers Derbyshire and Najjar.

Bulls custodian Adam Federici showed every bit of his experience and class, making several top-shelf saves and ensuring the Bulls kept a clean sheet in the campaign opener.

Macarthur FC Head Coach Ante Milicic said after the match

"I'm delighted for the players, coaches and staff. Today was an important day in the clubs history but also an important one for the game."

"It's good to win the first game especially against a strong team with plenty of class like the Wanderers."

Speaking on Adam Federici's performance: – In the opening 15 minutes of the second half we endured plenty of set piece pressure and Fedders was outstanding."

"He is still hungry and wants to win. He drives the standard across the squad. The whole team defensively was strong, but it was a good night for him."

On Beñat – "They have a lot of quality and I was tempted to play them from the opening minute but I'm going with the approach of looking after their bodies. It's a long season and it's only round one."

"It's first game you don't know how it's going to play out. We have our own expectations and talk of making the top three is just coffee shop talk and let's not get carried away." Milicic said.

Macarthur FC now look forward to a short turn around, in preparation for their first home match of the season against Central coast Mariners at Campbelltown Stadium this Sunday 3rd January.

MATCHWEEK 2 PREVIEW:

Credit: Matthew Comito

After their respective fast starts, Macarthur FC and Central Coast Mariners meet on Sunday afternoon with both sides intent on registering consecutive wins to begin the A-League campaign.

The Bulls wasted no time in announcing themselves to the league with a 1-0 win over Western Sydney Wanderers in Matchweek 1, a result decided by a goal to captain Mark Milligan, who deflected a free-kick off the boot of Macarthur's Spanish technician Beñat Etxebarria into the back of the net.

The slender victory was matched in Gosford by the Mariners, who clinched all three points in an F3 Derby clash with Newcastle Jets after teenage prospect Alou Kuol netted in the first half.

The result extended the Mariners' unbeaten run in the A-League to four matches, after recording two draws and a win to round out the 2019/20 campaign; these results followed an 11-game losing streak which began on January 19, 2020.

The uplift in form on either side of the off-season break may suggest the Mariners are about to turn a corner in the new year, but a third successive A-League win won't come easy as Alen Stajcic takes his side to face off against the Bulls - led by fellow former Westfield Matildas Head Coach Ante Milicic.

Macarthur's first A-League hit-out offered plenty of encouragement for what's to come as their inaugural season progresses, with a win and a clean sheet complimenting the inclusion of three Macarthur players in the A-League Team of the Week, presented by Bunnings Warehouse.

Goalkeeper Adam Federici, defender Ivan Franjic and Milligan all made the 11, whilst teenage sensation Lachlan Rose got plenty of people talking with an eye-catching display on debut in the league.

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OVER 10,000 LOCAL SCHOOL CHILDREN REACHED IN 2020!

Macarthur FC visited over 10,000 school children over the past 12 months across 30 primary and secondary schools across the Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly, and Southern Highlands areas with the Macarthur Square 'Bulls in Schools'.

The Macarthur Square 'Bulls in Schools' is a free program that provides students with an active and educational program that focuses on teamwork, communication, physical movement and promoting a healthy lifestyle through football.

Macarthur FC Football Development Officer Jacob Poscoliero said despite the challenges and restrictions COVID-19 presented, the program was extremely well received.

"2020 has been an extremely challenging year for all of us. We had to rethink and design the program to suit the restrictions with schools and interacting with the students.

"Across all the schools the overwhelming response was extremely positive. The students and teachers found the sessions very fun and engaging." Mr Poscoliero said.

"We've already had many schools wanting to be part of the program next year, which is great to see. Planning is well underway for 2021. We are aiming to reach an additional 20 schools and over 20,000 local school children participating in the program." Mr Poscoliero added.

If you would like your school to be involved in the Macarthur Square 'Bulls in Schools' email community@macarthurfc.com.au

THIS WEEKS PLAYING SQUAD

Macarthur FC head coach Ante Milicic has confirmed his A-League squad for the club's inaugural home match at Campbelltown Stadium against Central Coast Mariners.

After an impressive first outing against the Western Sydney Wanderers at Bankwest Stadium on Wednesday night, Milicic named a largely unchanged squad with Tommy Oar and Liam Rose both promoted.

"The boys were really satisfied about the victory away on Wednesday night," Milicic said at the pre-match press conference on Saturday.

"We quickly shifted our focus to the match against the Mariners. This week is an important one in front of our home fans to put in a good performance."

"They're coming off a good win over Newcastle Jets on New Years Eve, so no doubt it's going to be a tough match."

Speaking about former Mariner and inaugural Bulls signing Tommy Oar: "Tommy Oar has missed a lot of the pre-season but has put his hand up for selection. Unfortunately, he didn't play any pre-season matches for us, but he has been training really well in the past few weeks, and we believe he could add value off the bench." Milicic added.

The starting XI will be announced 60 minutes before kick-off.
All four internationals Benat, Susaeta, Derbyshire and Puyo have been named in the Bulls inaugural squad, along with former Socceroos Mark Milligan, Adam Federici, James Meredith and Ivan Franjic.

Aleksandar Jovanovic and Akelsandar Susnjar will look to have their first taste of life in the A-League, while Charles M'Mombwa, Antonis Martis, Lachlan Rose and Jake Hollman have been added to the extended list.

Match Week 2 Squad:

1.Adam FEDERICI (gk), 3.Antony GOLEC, 4.Benat ETXEBARRIA, 5 Mark MILLIGAN (c), 6.Aleksandar JOVANOVIC, 7.Ivan FRANJIC, 8.Denis GENREAU, 10.Loic PUYO, 11.Tommy OAR, 14.Moudi NAJJAR, 15.Aleksandar SUSNJAR, 16.Nick SUMAN (gk), 19.Michael RUHS, 21.Jake HOLLMAN, 22.Liam ROSE, 27.Matt DERBYSHIRE, 29.Antonis MARTIS, 31.Lachlan ROSE, 33.Markel SUSAETA

1-3 to be omitted

Ins: 11.Tommy OAR (promoted), 22.Liam ROSE (promoted)

Outs: 12.James MEREDITH (not selected)

Unavailable: Nil

MACARTHUR FC CEMENTS LOCAL GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL WITH LOCAL NPL PARTNERSHIP

Macarthur FC is proud announce an exciting new partnership with local NPL clubs Camden Tigers and Bankstown United.

The partnership further strengthens Macarthur FC's already strong relationship with the local grassroot footballing community.

As part of the agreement, both local clubs will benefit from further coaching and development clinics to be held in both Camden and Bankstown LGA's.

Further to this, both Camden Tigers and Bankstown United will assist Macarthur FC in grassroot talent identification of up and promising youngsters.

This announcement sees the culmination of many months of hard work behind the scenes with all parties.

Camden Tigers and Bankstown United have been big advocates for the club, with both featuring in community pre-season matches in preparation for upcoming A-League season.

Camden Tigers and Bankstown United join Northbridge FC as part of Macarthur FC's Academy Program.

Bankstown United Deputy Chairman Dimitri Hursalas said this will benefit the local players immensely.

"We have already had a strong relationship with the Bulls, and this further cements our and their commitment to grassroots football in the region."

"With pathways, coaching development and clinics to be held, the youth in our area will have access to elite coaching and mentoring programs with Macarthur FC."

Camden Tigers President Rod Ciantar echoed Mr Hursalas sentiments.

"Our club was extremely privileged to play a role with the Macarthur FC in their inaugural pre-season match. This partnership was a natural fit for our club and the perfect opportunity for younger players to experience high quality coaching in our own backyard.

The pathways plan for u/6's through to seniors for both boys and girls was a key factor, and something we look forward to developing further with Macarthur FC"

"Everyone at Camden Tigers is right behind the Bulls for their inaugural season in the A-League." Mr Ciantar said.

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